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SUBJECT: OECD AGRICULTURAL STUDIES AGR(78)4 AND AGR(78)9

1. SECRETARIAT MAY BE INFORMED THAT USA CLEARS ANNUAL REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL POLICIES 1977 FOR TRANSMITTAL TO COUNCIL AND DERESTRICTION AFTER THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED: (A) CHANGES IN TABLE, PAGE 19, AS AIR MAILED BY HIRSCH TO RAIDL, MARCH 30; (B) TEXT OF PARA. 2.41, PAGE 34, SEE LETTER HIRSCH TO RAIDLE, MARCH 31 (COPY HANDCARRIED BY ENGLEMAN); (C) LAST SENTENCE, PARA 2.6, PAGE 18, SHOULD READ "THE NEW LEGISLATION CONTINUES PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR WOOL, DAIRY PRODUCTS AND PEANUTS, AND ESTABLISHES ONE FOR SUGAR;" (D) IN PARA 2.33, PAGE 30, REFER TO "PAYMENTS AT THE RATE OF 20 CENTS PER BUSHEL (\$7.35 PER TON) PER YEAR FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEAT AND 65 CENTS PER 100 POUNDS (\$14.33 PER TON) PER YEAR FOR RICE,---IF THE CONTRACT IS BROKEN,---THE REPAYMENT ALSO INCLUDES ALL UNEARNED STORAGE PAYMENTS MADE PLUS INTEREST PLUS POSSIBLE PENALTY ASSESSMENTS." COMMENTS: EARNED STORAGE PAYMENTS, I.E., FOR THE PAST, NEED NOT BE REPAYED; (E) IN PARA. 2.49, PAGE 36, DELETE SENTENCE BEGINNING WITH A QUOTE AND SUBSTITUTE: "THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

ENDING SEPTEMBER 1977 WAS 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS CONSISTING OF

0.74 BILLION DOLLARS OF CONCESSIONAL SALES (LONG-TERM DOLLARS CREDITS) AND 0.46 BILLION DOLLARS OF DONATIONS, COMPARED WITH 1.30, 0.90 AND 0.40 BILLION DOLLARS, RESPECTIVELY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1976. COMMENTS: CHANGE IN U.S. FISCAL YEAR MAKES IT INADVISABLE TO REFER TO "FISCAL YEAR"; \$381 MILLION FIGURE TO BE DELETED REFERS TO JULY TO SEPT. 1976 TRANSITIONAL QUARTER; (F) IN PARA. 3.5, PAGE 44, STATE CLEARLY THAT PERCENTAGES ARE ANNUAL RATES (NOT LONGER-TERM TOTALS).

2. SECRETARIAT MAY BE INFORMED THAT U.S. SIMILARLY CLEARS THE U.S. COUNTRY NOTE IN AGR (78)9 AFTER INCORPORATION OF THE 14 NUMBERED COMMENTS DATED MARCH 27 WHICH ENGELMAN HAND CARRIED TOGETHER WITH A MANUSCRIPT COPY WITH MARGINAL NUMBERS TO WHICH COMMENTS WERE KEYED.

WE AGREED TO HAVE COMMENTS TO SECRETARIAT BEFORE COB APRIL 7. VANCE

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